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Agricultural Summary

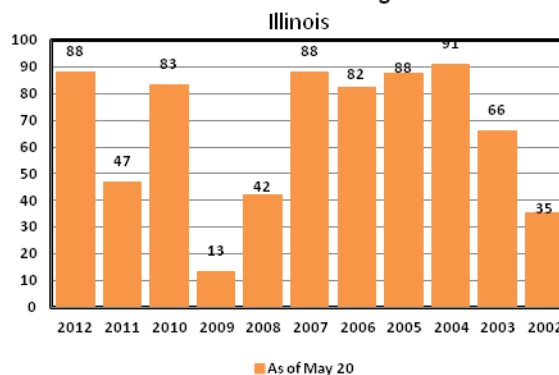
Warm and dry conditions across the state last week provided 6.7 days suitable for fieldwork. Many farmers took advantage of these conditions to continue planting, spraying crops, and cutting hay. Statewide precipitation averaged just 0.04 inches, 0.89 inches below the average and temperatures were at 67.7 degrees, 3.7 degrees above normal. Planted progress for corn has reached 99 percent statewide, 20 points above the 5-year average of 79 percent. Corn emerged has reached 88 percent, 33 points above the 5-year average. Corn condition is rated at 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Soybeans planted increased from 44 percent to 80 percent over the past week, well above the 5-year average of 37 percent. Some fields still left to be planted are too dry to plant until we receive rain. Alfalfa percent first cut now stands at 68 percent, compared to the 5-year average of 19 percent. A significant part of the winter wheat crop has also begun to turn yellow at 45 percent. Winter wheat conditions remained nearly the same 4 percent very poor and poor, 16 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 22 percent excellent. Topsoil moisture was rated as 4 percent very short, 29 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 3 percent surplus.

Crop Progress Percents

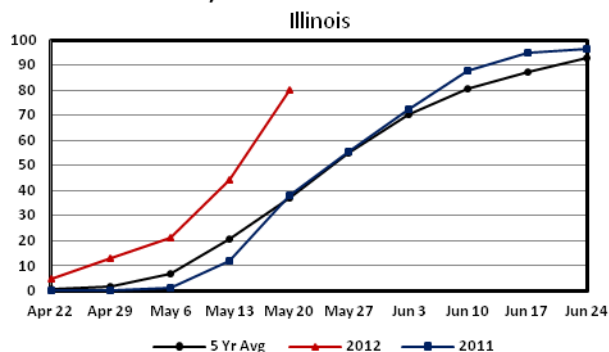
	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Year Average
May 20				
CORN:				
Planted	99	95	84	79
Emerged	88	76	47	55
Average height	7	5	3	4
SOYBEANS:				
Planted	80	44	38	37
Emerged	40	14	9	13
SORGHUM:				
Planted	63	42	5	13
OATS:				
Headed	28	19	5	10
Filled	7	2	1/	1
WHEAT:				
Headed	96	92	73	71
Filled	81	57	21	19
Turning yellow	45	2	1	1/
ALFALFA:				
First cut	68	42	13	19
RED CLOVER:				
Cut	69	46	1/9	15

1/ Data not available or less than one percent.

Corn - Percent Emerged



Soybeans - Percent Planted

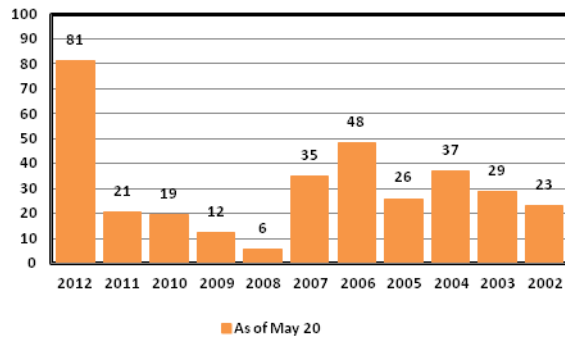


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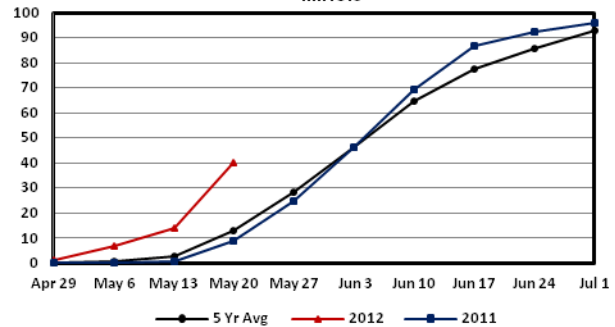
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
May 20					
Corn	1	2	18	63	16
Winter Wheat	1	3	16	58	22
Alfalfa	1	2	14	66	17
Red Clover	0	2	17	66	15
Pasture	1	3	25	60	11
Oats	0	3	26	63	8

District	Days Suitable For Fieldwork	Topsoil				Subsoil			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	May 14 - 20					May 20			
Northwest	6.7	7	28	64	1	2	24	74	-
Northeast	6.4	-	13	83	4	-	13	86	1
West	6.7	2	34	63	1	9	35	56	-
Central	6.8	3	26	66	5	3	37	56	4
East	6.7	4	25	67	4	5	24	69	2
W Southwest	6.3	-	36	60	4	2	37	53	8
E Southeast	6.8	2	34	64	-	2	20	78	-
Southwest	6.8	36	62	2	-	9	32	59	-
Southeast	7.0	19	19	57	5	19	16	63	2
State	6.7	4	29	64	3	4	27	67	2

**Wheat - Percent Filled
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**Soybeans - Percent Emerged
Illinois**

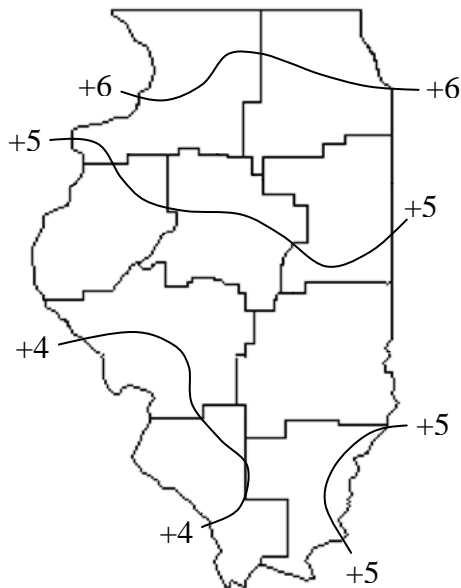


Crop Progress Percents by Districts

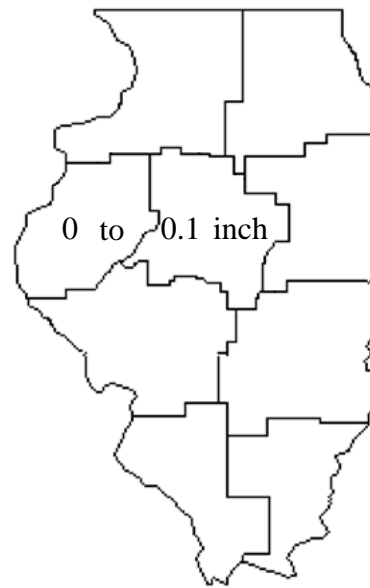
District	Corn Planted	Corn Emerged	Soybeans Planted	Soybeans Emerged
May 20				
Northwest	98	76	71	21
Northeast	98	88	64	21
West	100	65	90	44
Central	100	95	89	53
East	100	99	84	40
W Southwest	99	97	77	42
E Southeast	99	92	82	45
Southwest	98	93	72	28
Southeast	99	81	79	55
State	99	88	80	40

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure	Total	Departure	Since May 1	Departure
May 14 - 20						
Northwest	66.7	4.7	0.02	-0.94	303	75
Northeast	65.4	4.4	0.05	-0.83	270	56
West	67.6	3.1	0.02	-0.96	338	82
Central	67.5	3.8	0.05	-0.86	331	77
East	67.3	4.0	0.01	-0.92	330	82
W Southwest	67.9	2.8	0.07	-0.74	360	86
E Southeast	68.6	3.5	0.03	-0.87	369	95
Southwest	68.9	2.9	0.03	-0.95	384	93
Southeast	70.2	3.9	0.06	-0.98	399	105
State	67.7	3.7	0.04	-0.89	340	83



Temperature (°F) Departure
May 14 - 20



Precipitation (in.) Total
May 14 - 20

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